

Welcome to the University of Chicago!

I'm sure that you are very excited to move to campus and begin your life at the University. A key part of your experience will be the University of Chicago Library. The Library offers much more than books. It is truly the heart of campus—a place where you can think, explore, share, create, and connect.



Library Director and University Librarian, Brenda Johnson



Amazing Spaces

Our [six campus libraries](#) offer many different spaces where you can study, use technology, or visit with your friends. [Reserve a group study space](#), collaborate on a project in Regenstein Library's [A Level](#), or meet for coffee in the ExLibris café. [All Night Study](#) is also available to help you finish papers or prepare for exams.



Collections

As a student, you have access to over 11 million print and online books for your coursework, research, and personal reading. Explore the bookstacks, discover rare books in the [Special Collections Research Center](#), or access our vast digital collections from anywhere via your laptop or tablet.



Technology

Our librarians provide training on a broad range of research software, including [citation managers](#) and [Geographic Information Systems](#) (GIS). The [TECHB@R](#) in Regenstein Library offers in-person tech support and lends iPads, laptops, power cables, and other equipment. Our new app, [Checkout UChicago](#), lets you check out books directly from the stacks using your smart phone.



Expertise

One of the best resources at the University are your librarians, who are committed to help you achieve academic success by providing one-on-one assistance with your research papers. Librarians are available [online](#), at our campus libraries, or [via appointment](#).

Learn More about Your Library

Your first visit to a major research library can be overwhelming, but there is plenty of assistance available:

- **Visit Our Orientation Guide:** Begin exploring the Library before you arrive on campus by visiting [our orientation guide](#). Learn about Library services and services, watch an online tutorial, or take a virtual tour.
- **Attend a Library Orientation Program:** During O-Week, we offer [several programs](#) for new students including Library Boot Camp, tours, and specialized programs for majors.
- **Follow Us on Social Media:** Keep up-to-date on Library news on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).

Helping students is a key part of the Library's mission, and our staff looks forward to seeing you on campus in the fall. I invite you to attend my reception for families on Saturday, September 16, in Regenstein Library. Visit with our librarians and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Mansueto Library. I hope that you may be able to attend.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brenda Johnson".